

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Report

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USA Comments

APPENDIX 3.7.2.

GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY SEA

Article 3.7.2.2

1. Animal behaviour

Animals which are likely to be hostile to ~~each~~ others in a group situation should not be mixed.

Rationale: The wording “to others” is all inclusive of animals being hostile to any animal(s) in the group, not just one hostile animal to another hostile animal.

Article 3.7.2.7.

Pre-journey period

1) General considerations

b) ...

- ii) For animals such as pigs which are susceptible to motion sickness, a species-specific short period of feed deprivation prior to loading is desirable ~~may be indicated; which~~ will also reduce urine and feces production during the journey.

Rationale: Do not delete the wording concerning the species-specific need for food deprivation prior to loading. It is well known that some species of animals, such as pigs, may suffer from motion sickness and other illnesses related to travel. The risk of motion sickness in pigs can be reduced by withholding feed prior to shipment.